THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) A random check of the route profile indicates an average of 15 passengers from Coimbatore to Delhi. This traffic does not justify a direct link and there is, therefore, no proposal at present to link Coimbatore directly with the country's Capital either *via* Hyderabad or Madras.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Snacks served in Tamil Nadu Express

1994. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI :
SHRI PASUMPON THA KIRUTTINAN :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the passengers are not served standard food in the Tamil Nadu Express;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to serve good quality of food in this train; and

(c) whether any private and departmental catering services are being provided by the Southern Railway, and if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) On Southern Railway, pantry car service is managed departmentally on 16 pairs of trains and at 4 stations. It is managed by licensees contractors) at 259 stations. At 6 stations, there is departmental catering as well as contract catering.

New terminal at Bandra in Bombay

1995. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:
SHRI YASHWANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the new terminal at Bandra in Bombay has already been completed;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the terminal could not start functioning due to non-availability of approach road;

(c) if so, what action has been initiated to sort out this problem; and

(d) what is the amount spent for construction of the terminal and by when it is likely to start functioning ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) to (c) Construction of the new terminal at Bandra (Phase I) is nearing completion. But its commissioning is dependent on provision of a new approach road, which is held up due to some encroachments. Efforts are being made for removal of these encroachments, to enable the work to be completed.

(d) The amount spent so far is Rs. 3.88 crores. The probable date for opening of the Terminal in Nov., 1989, provided the encroachments are removed without much further delay.

B.P.Ed, course for Yoga teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas

1996. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Yoga teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas are

being given in-service B.P.Ed, (summer course;

(b) whether this course is essential for their continuance as yoga teachers; and

(c) if so, in what manner and if not, what is the justification of deputing them for the said course ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Board of Governors, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan in its meeting on 26 November, 1986 inter alia decided to integrate teaching of Physical Education and Yoga and that for this purpose Physical Education teachers should be given training in Yoga and Yoga teachers should acquire adequate qualifications for teaching Physical education. In pursuance of this decision, the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan nominated Yoga teachers to undergo a special B.P.Ed. (Summer Course) in 3 semesters in LNCPE, Gwalior. 110 Yoga teachers have successfully completed the first two semesters and are undergoing the third semester course currently. The Board of Governors of KVS at its meeting held on 27-12-88 decided that yoga should be taught as a separate discipline. As such, it would not be necessary for Yoga teachers to undergo the course in Physical Education. However, earlier batch of 110 Yoga teachers has completed two semesters of the B.P.Ed, bourse, the Sangathan has decided that they should complete the third semester also to enable them to acquire the B.P. Ed. Degree. Such of the Yoga teachers who fulfil the qualifications of B.P. Ed. would be absorbed as PETs, if they so desire.

Grant of study leave to teachers/ Officers of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

1997. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI YELLA SESI BHUSHANARAO:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the guidelines governing grant of permission to teachers, Principals & Officers of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan for pursuing higher studies as regular students of College/University; and

(b) what are the details of such permissions granted to teachers and Principals of KVS during the preceding session of 1988-89 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI) : (a) There is a provision for the grant of study leave to teachers, Principals & Officers of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan for undertaking higher studies as regular students of colleges/University. In addition, provision also exists for permitting the employees to prosecute higher studies through regular classes provided such pursuit of higher studies is not prejudicial to the discharge of their duties and responsibilities in the Vidyalaya/office.

(b) One Vice-Principal and two teachers have been granted study leave during academic year 1988-89. Two Principals and one Vice-Principal have been granted permission for higher studies through regular classes during the same session.